

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

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Proceedings of the Sitting held by Shri Ravi Thakur, Vice Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes with Staff Selection Commission on 25.5.2015 in the case of Shri Hari Shankar Meena, on his request for extension of time for joining as Inspector in Central Board of Excise and Customs.

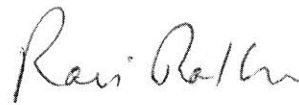
List of participants (Annexed)

The Case

The case relates to grievance of Shri Hari Shankar Meena, who was recommended by the Staff Selection Commission for appointment to the post of Inspector in CBEC. The decision of the Staff Selection Commission on the request of the petitioner for extension of joining time is stated to have not been communicated

Background

2. The Office of the Chief commissioner of Central Excise Chennai Zone, vide Office Order Dated 4-12-2013, sent an offer of appointment to Shri Hari Shankar Meena in the post of Inspector of Central Board of Excise and Customs to based on the recommendations by SSC on the basis of the results of the Graduate Level Examination – 2012 conducted by SSC. Since his mother was not well, he sought extension of time to join and he was granted time till 3-6-2014 by the Office of Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Chennai and was also informed that if he didn't join within this period, the offer of appointment will lapse. However, the petitioner vide his letter dated 2-6-2014 sought further extension of 12 days till 15-6-2014 on account of his mother's illness. A ticket booked by him to travel by air on 2-6-2014 in Jet airways had to be cancelled as his mother developed some complication and he could not leave her alone. A copy of the ticket is on record.



3. The Office of the Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Chennai, Vide letter dated 6-6-2014 addressed to the Regional Director, SSC, Chennai, while recommending extension of joining time, had requested SSC to allow extension of time to join as the individual seems very keen to join and has requested for extension of time to join on grounds beyond his control. The office of Regional Director SSC, Chennai vide letter dated 5-8-2014 advised the Commissioner, Central Excise Chennai to examine the case and send a self contained proposal for onward transmission to SSC (HQ) New Delhi. As per SSC, Chennai, mother's illness as stated by the applicant, was not a valid ground for extension of joining time.

4. Shri Hari Shankar Meena approached the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes vide his application dated 3-11-2014 and the matter was taken up with Chairman, CBEC, Chennai. A D.O. letter was also written by Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST addressed to the Commissioner, Central Excise, Chennai on 3-11-2014 to which the Commissioner, Central Excise, Chennai replied that the matter was with the SSC, Chennai. Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST also wrote a D.O. letter dated 20-11-2014 to Chairman, SSC for which no reply came. Thereafter a letter was again sent to the Chairman, SSC on 4-2-2015, in which it was decided to hear the case in the Commission on 20-2-2015.

5. A Sitting was held in the Commission on 20-2-2015 chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chairperson wherein Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary from SSC attended. A letter dated 17-2-2015 received from Chairman SSC stating that the revival of the candidature of Shri Hari Shankar Meena beyond 6 months cannot be considered since the applicant had not submitted 'other proof' relating to the circumstances for seeking extension, was also discussed. As the petitioner had sought extension of time for 12 days only and the Commissioner, Central Excise, Chennai had also promptly requested the SSC for sympathetic consideration of the request on the grounds which were beyond the control of the petitioner. The office of Regional Director, SSC, Chennai took about two months in advising the Commissioner Central Excise, Chennai for sending comprehensive proposal. The SSC was advised to revive the candidature of Shri Hari Shankar Meena sympathetically since the ST post is not filled up and the CBEC was awaiting

